



State Senator **NANCY CASSIS**

E-NEWS UPDATE

Timely Campaign Finance Reform

Timely disclosure of campaign finance reporting would be required under legislation I recently introduced. Senate Bill 1243 will require campaign committees to report all contributions they receive within seven business days of receiving the contribution and all expenditures to be reported within 10 business days.

Current law requires officials in an off-election year to report campaign finances received and spent every 12 months. In an election year, they file reports just before and after the primary and general elections.

Expediting disclosure ensures that this public information is available in a timely manner for citizens to review.

With modern technology, including electronic filing and the Internet, campaign finances can be disclosed very quickly. A fully informed public is a smarter electorate. This will help them make knowledgeable decisions in the voting booth.

School Election Consolidation Saves Money

With less than 9 percent of voters turning out in the recent school elections, legislation to consolidate with the November regular election date makes sense.

House Bill 4755 requires school districts to hold their elections for school board members in November instead of the current option of choosing between four dates. This change could save our schools precious dollars that they can't afford to lose right now. Placing these school elections on the November ballot would not cost the schools anything unless the municipalities incur an additional expense due to running the school election. Many schools have complained about the cost of holding elections, especially when some of the races are uncontested. Within Oakland County, South Lyon schools have taken the lead to utilize the November date.

Voters are more accustomed to the November election date, and therefore the potential for greater turnout would be likely. This is a win for our schools, a win for taxpayers, and a win for voters. It is just common sense.

The legislation is currently before the Senate Committee on Government Operations, of which I am a member.

Job Resource Guide Now Available

As reported last week in the Novi News, in these uncertain economic times, many people with established careers have found themselves looking for work or perhaps a career change. To strengthen their search and make the transition quicker and less painful, I have put together a Job Resource Guide to offer them assistance.

The Job Resource Guide provides resources for job seekers and information on retraining to help constituents find meaningful training in their careers or perhaps a new career path. The guide includes information on adult education, organizations that can assist in job searches, and apprenticeships.

For a copy of the Job Resource Guide, contact my office at 1-888-38-NANCY or go to www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/cassis and click on Senator Cassis' Job Resource Guide.

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